

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

BERNARD M. LARBIG,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL ASTRUE, Commissioner of
Social Security Administration,,

Defendant.

Case No. C07-5613FDB

ORDER GRANTING MOTION
TO WITHDRAW AS
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
AND DIRECTING
APPEARANCE

The matter comes before the court on plaintiff's attorney's (Ms. Allen's) motion to withdraw (Doc. 11). The court, having reviewed the motion and the remaining record, finds and ORDERS the following:

(1) Local General Rule GR 2(f)(4) indicates that no attorney shall withdraw his or her appearance in any cause except by leave of court after notice is served on the attorney's client and opposing counsel. Local General Rule GR 2(f)(2) states that when an attorney ceases to act as such, before any further proceedings are had in the action, the party must appoint another attorney or appear in person.

(2) Plaintiff was provided a copy or notice of his attorney's motion or notice to withdraw. The motion indicate's Plaintiff "wants to obtain new counsel to represent him in this case."

(3) The motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**.

(4) Before any further proceedings take place in this matter plaintiff is directed to file a notice of appearance, either appear pro se (without an attorney) or have a new attorney appear on his behalf, by not later than April 11, 2008 (one week prior to the due date for filing of the Opening Brief). If an

1 appearance and/or an Opening Brief is not by the deadlines set by the court, the undersigned will
2 recommend that the matter be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute.

3 (5) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to Mr. Larbig, Ms. Allen, and the
4 Defendant. Plaintiff's address is provided in Ms. Allen's Declaration.

5 Dated this 24th day of March, 2008.

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7 /s/ J. Kelley Arnold

8 J. Kelley Arnold

9 United States Magistrate Judge
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